

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

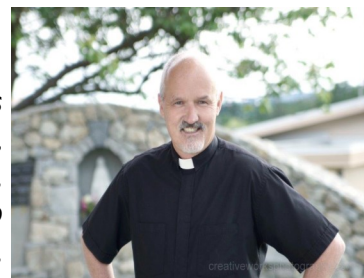
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY May 27th, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

From the desk of Father William

Meanwhile, the 11 disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally. Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by Baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age"



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On this day, we celebrate not only the existence of God, but the relationship that God chooses to have with us. The Trinity is not just a diagram of God's Person (or Persons). It's not a blueprint for how God operates, either. The Trinity is our way of expressing the relationship God has with us. God creates, redeems, and sanctifies us. God brought us and everything into being out of love, rescues us from our worst moves and their ultimate consequences, and "makes us holy"—that is, gives us the grace we need to become more like ourselves, the people we were made to be, in the image of the Holy One. Sin disfigures us. Grace restores us. God is love, as Saint John says, and love constantly calls the beloved to come home and celebrate.

The Christian ethicist Stanley Hauerwas has said, "Christianity is not beliefs about God plus behavior. We are Christians not because of what we believe, but because we have been called to be disciples of Jesus. To become a disciple is not a matter of a new or changed self-understanding, but rather to become part of a different community with a different set of practices." In other words, being the disciples Jesus commands his church is as much about doing as being. Today's readings seem to say we need to do both: Be adopted children of God, and do what God commands. How do you understand the Trinity in ways that avoid too much abstraction? What are some concrete ways you have lived out a Trinitarian faith? What do Saint Paul's words about suffering with Christ in order to be glorified with Christ mean to me? How are you an "heir" of God? What in your "inheritance" of faith do I value the most? Do not let fear of inadequacy or the unknown stop you from listening to the Lord's call. Go therefore and teach what you have learned.

We may never fully understand One God, Three Persons, and Distinct yet united. But when we gather as a community of faith to celebrate and worship, we are living in its reality and for good or ill we are the hands and feet of Christ today. One of the things that Jesus wanted most is that we live right with each other. So we pray: Risen and Ascended Jesus send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth so that we can become transformed men and women. Let us hold on to each other and let us encourage and support each other in the faith conviction we celebrate here this day, so that none of us will lose sight of the light that Jesus is.

Trinity blessed
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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Apostle Paul urges us, out of humility, to give preference to the other. In his wisdom, God guides the humble and He instructs the poor in prayer. As we come together in love as one heart and mind, let us stand together in our support for societies that prioritize women's inclusion, recognizing the vital role they play for peace. To learn more about the work of Development and Peace—Caritas Canada, to become a member, or to make a donation, visit www.dev.org.

PYX

The office will be ordering more pyx for it's outreach team. If you would like to order one for your own personal use please contact the office to place your order. The cost is approximately \$15 each.

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

“Proselytism” has as many appealing connotations as “root canal.” It’s not just “evangelism,” sharing the gospel with any and everyone. Proselytism implies dynamiting an existing faith to clear ground for a new one.
—Frederica Mathewes-Green

Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

—Saint Gregory of Nazianzus (329/330-389/390)

Believers, be God’s helpers. When Jesus the son of Mary said to the disciples, “Who will help me on the way to God?” they replied, “We are God’s helpers.”
—Qur’an 61:14

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 30th** 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.
- **REJOICE AND BE GLAD:** Come and explore Pope Francis’ latest apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, as presented by the Faith Formation and Evangelization office. Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 7:00-9:00pm, at the Church of Ascension in Parksville. This interactive workshop will highlight the key messages of the call to holiness, Rejoice and Be Glad, for our world today. Please register for this FREE opportunity on Eventbrite. Search “Rejoice and Be Glad”.
- **FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY:** Catechist **Networking** June 9th, St. Joseph the Worker Victoria, 9am-1 pm & June 23rd, 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**
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Andrew’s Cathedral is seeking a full-time, customer-service oriented Office Assistant to assist with the clerical duties of a busy parish office. We’re looking for someone with a friendly attitude and strong work ethic, with an eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure. A full job description is available on our website or by email request: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted. Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office no later than June 27th.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, May 27th

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

MONDAY, May 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

TUESDAY, May 29th

9:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, May 30th

9:00 Mass

7:00pm St. Andrew’s Spring Fling
Concert

THURSDAY, May 31st

9:00 am Mass: Maria Fernandez-
Grandizo (Int.)

FRIDAY, June 1st

No Mass

SATURDAY, June 2nd

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

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

SUNDAY, June 3rd

9:00 am Annual General Meeting
10:30 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**
11:30 Potluck/farewell to Fr. William

MASS CHANGES

Please note that there will be no 9am
masse on Friday June 1st.

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to our liturgy committee members who planned and celebrate our liturgical life throughout this past year. To the musicians, catechists, art and environment team, sacristans, lectors and Eucharistic ministers thank you for making a simple truth come alive....liturgy is life and life is liturgy.

CONTACTS

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	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	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.	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 20, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,000.00
Loose	\$ 610.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 717.00

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	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	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	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