



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - May 28th 2023**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Today, May 28th, is Pentecost Sunday, the great feast that celebrates the beginning of the church's mission to all people of the earth and the fulfillment of a promise Jesus made to his disciples. During the past weeks the scriptures have been filled with assurances that even though Jesus would return to the Father he would remain with us in spirit. *The Father will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. (John 14) I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. (John 14) And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28)*

Looking at the extraordinary story of God and humanity, it becomes clear that the event of Pentecost is a significant revelation of God's faithful and merciful love for each of us. Pentecost and two other momentous events form the pillars of this story. First, in the beginning, God created the universe and humanity out of love. He gave us life and affirmed that it was good. Secondly, God sent his son Jesus to show us the way of mercy and love. Jesus redeemed humanity by dying on the cross, demonstrating how deeply God cares for us. Thirdly, after Jesus' ascension, God sent His Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with courage and truth; to help us follow the way of love that Jesus had taught us, and for which God had created us. This extraordinary story of God and humanity is about love, a deep and all-embracing love that we have difficulty understanding and believing. We are so blessed to live in this era, to know this story of love, to realize that God does not leave us *orphaned*; is with us *until the end of the age*.

The story of Pentecost is exciting and memorable; tongues of fire descending, different languages being spoken and heard, crowds of people gathering and the apostles of Jesus on fire for God. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are revealed! And those fruits are for each one of us. We all carry the spirit individually and in community. God inspires each one of us with insight, peace, courage, compassion, with love. *[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* If there ever was any question about God's love for all, the happening of Pentecost confirms beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves all people, Greeks and Jews, women and men, slaves and free, rich and poor. The implications of Pentecost are immeasurable! *For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.*

A few weeks ago, Father William suggested that God needs us to bring compassion and justice to the world; that despite being sinners we are a chosen and holy people. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are the ones who bring the good news to the world. With the awareness that we are part of one body, we are the ones who share the extraordinary story of God's love and mercy. *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*

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](https://www.rcd.victoria.ca/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146  
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreporting.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

### **LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. 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](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

### **DON'T MISS IT!**

#### **BIG FLOWER SALE FROM EILLIS' TRUCK - SUNDAY**

It's the end of a record season for Mt. St. Mary's Hospital; thank you all for your support. The greenhouse closes on Monday so I'm having a **big** end of season **sale from my truck after 9am Sunday Mass**. Lots of geraniums and osteospermums (perennial daisy) at **bargain prices**.

### ***Holy Cross Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry – is looking for new volunteers.***

Do you feel called / able to offer a few hours of your time to visit those who are vulnerable and in need? On behalf of our Holy Cross community, we reach out and offer companionship and spiritual support to those who are home-bound, elderly, incapacitated, palliative or isolated in hospitals, extended care facilities or at home. We welcome new volunteers to this important ministry of service. For more information, please contact **Mary-Anne Tinney, Coordinator, at: [mtinney@shaw.ca](mailto:mtinney@shaw.ca)** – or phone the Parish Office at: 250-477-5321. Outreach Ministry brochures are available in the foyer. Thank you.

### **Special Presentation: Scams and Financial Fraud, Tuesday, June 13, 10am-12 Holy Cross Parish Hall**

D/Cst Zwaan from the Saanich Police Financial Crimes Section will give a presentation at Holy Cross on the scams and financial frauds we all face these days. We will hear about the common and not-so-common types and how to prevent them. We've all experienced them by phone, email, text or pop up ads. Seating is limited so please register by calling the parish office 250-477-5321 or Darlene Southwell 250-477-5738.

**Development and Peace** is hosting an inter-parish pot luck social Tues. June 6, Sacred Heart Church Hall, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please bring an entrée, salad or dessert. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to 250-477-6952 or [Nancy-stuart@shaw.ca](mailto:Nancy-stuart@shaw.ca) so we have an idea of numbers. If you have an interest in local/global social justice issues, please join us for a meal and fellowship.

Attention: all Holy Cross readers! The **Environmental Book Collection** currently displayed in the lobby **will be moved to St. Patrick's as of Sept. 1**. You have till the end of August to borrow and return books in this collection. Take advantage of this opportunity while there's still time!

### ***Library Corner (Lobby entrance)***

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the "**Visitation**" of the young Virgin Mary bearing the Child Jesus with the elderly Elizabeth bearing John the Baptist. Mary proclaims her beautiful Canticle, The Magnificat.

June 4<sup>th</sup> recognizes the divine love of **The Trinity**: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Chesterton on the Trinity: "It is not good for God to be alone."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitation\\_\(Christianity\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitation_(Christianity))

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/the-magnificat.html>

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/explaining-the-trinity>

"Church of the Visitation in Ein Karem" If you go to this website, you will see why there is a significant continuing Christian memory in Israel.



### Prayer Reflection

At Pentecost . . . like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love.

—Augustine of Hippo

I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit.

—Cardinal Leo Suenens

What else did the presence of the Holy Spirit indicate at Pentecost, except that God's church was to speak in the language of every people?

—Sixth-century African Pentecost homily

### **Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023**

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to become a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria. **Fr. David Hogman:** [dhogman@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org) **Fr. Harrison Ayre:**

### 2023 Father Leo Roberts Bursary Information

#### **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, trade school.
- A practicing catholic involved in the Greater Victoria parish community. Preference given to Holy Cross and St Patrick's parishioners.

**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 9, 2023 **How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [whann@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:whann@rcdvictoria.org) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon](https://www.holycrossparish.ca)

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

#### **SATURDAY, May 27th**

4PM Mass: Margaret Blanche Kovacs+

#### **SUNDAY, May 28th**

9AM Mass: José Pacheco +

#### **MONDAY, May 29th**

NO MASS

#### **TUESDAY, May 30th**

9am Liturgy of the Word  
Clement Lessard+

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 31st**

NO MASS

#### **THURSDAY, June 1st**

9am Gerard Rodriguez+

#### **FRIDAY, May 26th**

NO MASS

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The Church will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

**Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.**

### COLLECTION for May 21st 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2290.00
Loose	\$ 845.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,096.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,321.00</b>

## **WEAAD National Webinar Event**



**Rights Don't Get Old**

### **Save the Date!**

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**  
1-3 p.m. EDT

Hosted by



A picture from Fr. William

He looks relaxed in his island retreat!

Before you know it he'll be back.



### **News from the Chancery**

A new post has been added to the Diocesan website with an update on Synod 2021-2024. It includes info about the recently released "North American Final Document for the Continental Stage of the 2021-2024 Synod", as well as links to our diocesan, regional, and national reports that were created during the Diocesan Stage of the Synod. To read the post, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/synod-2021-2024-the-journey-continues>

This week there is a letter from Bishop Gary Gordon for Pentecost 2023, announcing the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod and a handout about the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod. See diocese website: [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.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 note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Sat, June 17 (10:00 am – 12 noon) - this is rescheduled from June 10, Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email [hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.*

### **Fundraising Concert**

A grade 11 student at St. Andrew's Regional High School, Maya Zidek, will be holding a fundraising concert for Syria and Turkey in the wake of the earthquakes there. It will be on June 3rd from 6:30 - 7:30 at the First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd., with admission by donation. Classical music variations on violin and piano will be performed. Proceeds will go to earthquake victims. Your support would be appreciated greatly.

### **40th Anniversary Celebrations continue! June 4, 2023**

There are two more celebrations in the works to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Holy Cross Parish! Please mark your calendar - on Sunday, June 4th at 2pm at Holy Cross the first of these events will be held. Get your toe-tapping shoes ready as we will be welcoming Adam Dobres, Pierre Schryer and Willy Blizzard. This event is free. Please see the bulletin insert or follow the link in the bulletin letter online for information about these performers.

### **St. Andrew's High School Spring Fling Concert May 31, 2023**

St Andrew's Regional High School's Annual Spring Fling Concert will be held at Holy Cross Parish beginning at 7pm in the church. Admission is \$5 for Seniors and Students, and \$10 for Adults. Everyone is welcome!

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

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**Mass Times:** Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm,  
Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday, 9am.

St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm.  
Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm.

#### **Seeking Donations of Used/Old Hearing Aids**

A parishioner is seeking donations of used/old hearing aids to support the Hearing Aid Centre of St. Patrick's Catholic Hospital, Maase-Offinso, Ashanti, Ghana. Please ask a friend to ask a friend to assist this hospital in its efforts to offer free health care to the poor surrounding communities. Please drop off donations at the office.

#### **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.