



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning 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 29th, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

Today, when we celebrate the Ascension of Christ, we are not celebrating something in addition to his resurrection. Rather, it is an aspect of the resurrection message. It is still very much Easter. When we hear that Jesus ascended into heaven and that he is seated at the right hand of the Father, then we may wonder: "What is there in that statement for us?" Much depends on how we understand it. If we take a closer look at what our Christian tradition tries to express in the image of Jesus ascending into heaven, then there may be more in it for us than at first we may be inclined to think.

Luke is the only evangelist who tells Ascension stories, two of them, in his gospel and in Acts. The synoptic gospel writers seem uninvested in the question of what happens to Jesus after the Resurrection; specifically, where did he go from here? Removing his glorified body from the scene is almost a housekeeping detail in the story, but Luke readily takes it on, because in a much larger sense we know precisely where Jesus can be found next: in his Body, the church. Again, Luke is the only evangelist who assumes responsibility for the telling of this story as well, which is why we have the Acts of the Apostles.

It's ironic that Luke supplies us with two graphic Ascension stories only to counter our fascination with them in the angels' scolding: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" The precise posture of Jesus in heaven is never the point of the story, any more than is enlightenment on the score of whether anyone sits or stands in eternity. Our attention, we're given to understand, should be fixed on this world where hourly responsibilities lie. It's here that we're to carry our witness of "these things," as Luke calls them: the death and Resurrection of Jesus, the necessity of repentance, and the forgiveness of sins. The Body of Christ is still here, carrying on the divine mission until the end of time. A blare of trumpets is entirely appropriate.

Concretely, that means that we place ourselves in his Spirit on the side of the vulnerable and marginalized in our society, and that we promote human life everywhere. Whatever makes life more human becomes our task. In short, from our witness in word, but above all in deeds it must become evident that Jesus has not been eliminated from our world but is in fact very much active in it. From now on, it is by means of our lives, by means of our discipleship that we give concrete evidence of the fact that Jesus is not absent from our world, but still very much present in our world. In other words, how do we respond now to today's gospel in which Jesus assures us that we will never be alone? "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," Jesus has promised. Blessed are we who believe that the promises made by our Lord and Savior will be fulfilled!

Blessed are we who believe, we will never be alone.

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 *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm*. 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 held 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.holycrossparish.com)

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

Our parish is hosting a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Saturday, June 18th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is fully sponsored by the Diocese in hopes that as many people will experience this valuable workshop. Hospitality will be provided by Social and Ecological Justice Committee. Pre-registration is required and all COVID protocols will be followed (masks are required to ensure everyone's health and safety). Please register by emailing sonjaruffell@gmail.com. For more information about the Kairos Blanket Exercise visit: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>

LIBRARY CORNER (entrance of the Church)

The next four successive Sundays celebrate the rich Christian heritage given to the apostles to spread the Good News

- the Ascension of Christ as he leaves his earthly home (May 29)
- Pentecost: the appearance of the Holy Spirit which will encourage the apostles to spread the gospel
- The Holy Trinity which reminds us of the triune nature of our Creator: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Corpus Christi the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist which will enrich our Christian life

A selection of related books is displayed on the table in the church entrance (foyer)

Please return all books taken from the entrance table when you are finished reading



PRAYER REFLECTION

I gave as an offering my all to him who had won me and saved me, my property, my fame, my health, my very words. . . . In considering all these things, I preferred Christ.
—Saint Gregory of Nazianus

The church is rightly named [ecclesia] because it calls forth and assembles together all.
—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Remember, Lord, your church, deliver it from every evil and make it perfect in your love. . . . To you belong power and glory forever! . . . Hosanna to the God of David! . . . If anyone is holy, let them come! If they are not, let them repent! *Marana tha!*
—Didache

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule. 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.

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about Laudato Si' Week 2022. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find it online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/laudato-si-week-2022-listening-and-journeying-together>.

RCIA INFORMATION

Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Parishes in the city of Victoria have come together to offer an opportunity to learn more about our faith in small group settings. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact your local pastor (Father Dino, Father William, Father Alfredo). To register for the 2022-23 year starting October 6 , 2022 at Saint Joseph the Worker parish email Carmelle to register at carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com.

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. Please see our [Plant Sale Poster](#) for more info.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, May 28th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Serafino & Guiseppina Spada +

SUNDAY, May 29th

9am Mass: Jose Pacheco +

MONDAY, May 30th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, May 31st

9am Mass: Irene Fleshman +

WEDNESDAY, June 1st

9am Mass: Irene Fleshman +

THURSDAY, June 2nd

9am Mass: George Hadley +

FRIDAY, June 3rd

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.



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

COLLECTION for May 15, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,310.00
Loose	\$ 198.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,185.00

**LAST CALL!!
GARDEN OF ELLIS**

Please pick up your veggies, plants and baskets before Monday otherwise they will go to others waiting for them. Greenhouse closes Monday afternoon. Thank you all for making it another success for the hospital and the Ukrainian relief fund
250-477-6754, Ellis



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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 7's found comfort and solace this week writing poetry on the beach....

<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. Doors open at 6:30pm, tickets \$10 at the door, concert starts at 7pm.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel will be next held on **Friday, June 3rd right after the 9am Mass.**

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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