

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 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus appears to the apostles for the third time since he was raised from the dead. Every apparition of Jesus during the forty days before the Ascension has a specific purpose. Today we learn about our Lord's encounter with Simon Peter. Perhaps we can see a little of our journey in faith paralleling the times of doubt and frustration that Peter seems to exhibit. We know that Jesus has chosen Peter for this discipleship, but previously, Peter had been so afraid that he denied being Christ's disciple three times. Jesus now lovingly pursues Simon Peter, Son of John.

We are told that seven of the disciples had gone to Galilee after leaving Jerusalem and found themselves in one of their familiar lakesides. Simon Peter, as usual is their leader. All have been waiting to see what post resurrection life will mean for them. Apparently Peter is impatient and returns to fishing. His friends readily go with him as most of the disciples were fishermen. They fish all night and catch nothing. Perhaps it was still dark as Jesus called out to them. They had not recognized Jesus, but with the instructions on where to throw the nets, John soon told Peter it was Jesus. Imagine the thrill of Peter swimming to greet Jesus.

On the shore the disciples were uneasy in the presences of the risen Lord. He put them at ease, inviting them to come and share a breakfast of fish and bread. After partaking of the breakfast, Jesus probably took Peter for a walk. I can imagine them talking in private as we know Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter was hurt that he was asked three times. He probably remembered how on three successive occasions during that 'terrible night' he had denied all knowledge of Jesus. Peter answers with, "You know I love you." Thus he reaffirms his faith and his love for Jesus. Jesus also gives him a commission. Peter, despite all his flaws, is to be the pastor of Jesus' flock. His image has changed from a fisher of men to shepherding.

Jesus' resurrection changed everything. Peter and the disciples experienced three years of preparation and now lived in uncertainty. Jesus was gone. We too have experienced times of radical change. As with Peter transitional times have questions of what, where, when and how, that put us in the unknown, the unfamiliar. This gospel echoes Jesus' words, "Follow me" and "Do not be afraid". Peter had the joy of seeing and being with the risen Christ. With the eyes of our soul, have we seen how Jesus looks at us with love? As with Peter, our Lord shows that a person's past doesn't pose obstacles to Him. He is more focused on the work he has for us to do. It is with wonder that we can release our fears and find it easier to trust. Deep in our hearts and souls, we know Jesus is holding...treasuring...loving each and every one of us.



Jesus looks at you with Love.

Marian Duke

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

**No 9 am Mass week of May 27 – 31st.
Clergy will be on Retreat**

Please note that there will be no 9am masses at Holy Cross Parish that week. However, St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown will be having daily mass at 12:10pm Monday – Friday.

LEARN TO PROTECT

Praesidium "Learn to Protect" courses: If you are a continuing volunteer at Holy Cross and have not received log-on information from Praesidium, please email or phone Martha Oleson for that information moleson@shaw.ca or 250-477-6455; you may also contact Valentina in the office, who will forward your request on.

The Diocese now requires all continuing volunteers (not one event volunteers) to take the on-line courses. We are hoping that everyone gets on board!

MAY GREEN TIP

Did you know that 65% of irrigation in yards and gardens is wasted by inefficient watering practices? The CRD's *Homeowners' Guide to Outdoor Water Use* offers good advice on how to correctly water plants and lawns, and suggests other ways of conserving water outdoors. See https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/water-pdf/a-homeowners-guide-to-outdoor-water-use.pdf?sfvrsn=eb8c8cc9_4

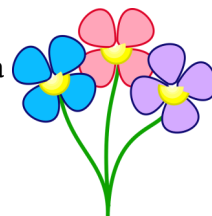
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt. St. Mary Hospital

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Lots of geraniums, cherry tomatoes, zucchini and pumpkins still available together with a few hanging baskets. all monies to the hospital.

So **PLEASE HELP** me reach goal of **\$100,000** this year.

To order or come to view please call 250-477-6754 Thanks, ellis achtem



LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)

Since Easter and beyond to the Ascension and Pentecost, our Mass Readings include those taken from the ACTS (of the Apostles). Our parish library details those very early days of the Apostles and the early church community life. The Apostles were endowed and continued with Christ's gift of healing. The ill would even seek ways so that Peter's shadow might fall on them (Acts 5. 12-16).

- 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

LAST CALL FOR TAX RECEIPTS

There are still many unclaimed tax receipts left in the office. Please come by office hours Tuesday to Friday to claim them. If you need it mailed out to you please call the office to make arrangements.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Holy race of the heavenly Fish [Christ] Take the saints' sweet food that the savior sends you. Eat and drink your fill from the Fish you hold in your hands!
—*Early Christian funerary inscription*

No voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
—*Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.
—*Henry David Thoreau*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **GRAFFITI AT ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL: June 5th - Save The Date!** Come and graffiti the old school building before it's demolished to make way for the new facility! As the final stages of the Catholic Schools Plan near, the removal of this cherished wing will make way for our new school entrance, Chapel and open landscape. Mark your calendars now for this free event on Saturday afternoon, June 5th. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us 250-479-1414 or gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** Bishop Gordon invites all members of the Diocese to attend the annual Victoria March for Life on May 9th, with this year's theme, "50 Years of Abortion: what's missing?" The March will leave from Centennial Square at 1:45 and head to the BC Legislature for the rally with speakers at 2:15. For more details visit: www.m4lvictoria
- **MAKER SPACE SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Gr. 5 Teacher, Ms. Becky Wall (a parishioner at Holy Cross) is looking for some donated materials to run her very popular "Maker Space" club at St. Patrick's elementary. Maker Space encourages children to use their imaginations, think outside the box, build things with their own hands, and experiment with different mediums and materials. At this time they are in need of **empty toilet paper, paper towel or wrapping paper rolls, and empty 2L pop bottles**. If you have any of these materials (or others) to donate please drop them off at the parish office. Thanks for your support!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, May 5th

9:00am Mass: **James Arthurs, Gus Medina +**

MONDAY, May 6th

No Mass

TUESDAY, May 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, May 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, May 9th

9:00 am Mass: **June Street +**

FRIDAY, May 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Eialina & Ole Armfelt +**

SATURDAY, May 11th

4:00pm Mass: **Arturo Colangeli +**

SUNDAY, May 12th

Mother's Day

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy, Regina Dejesus +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

To all the parishioners who bring communion to the sick and homebound. It is truly a ministry of presence that blesses, comforts and consoles.

A special thank you also to Kevin Mitchell who has served in our music ministry for years. May the good Lord bless you and keep you in all your endeavors and plans.

Father William

Noel Gantly died at Victoria on Friday, April 26th. A memorial Mass was held on Tuesday the 30th at the Cathedral. Many Holy Cross parishioners will recall Noel's considerable contribution to our community over a number of years when he oversaw and managed our Music Ministry. He was an accomplished musician as well as an academic at the University in his chosen field of Music. Noel was predeceased by his wife, Peggy who was also active in many areas of our Parish life.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday at 10am

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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COLLECTION April 28, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 050.00
Loose	\$ 455.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 600.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	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	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455