



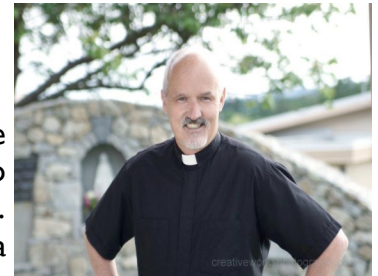
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 6th, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the desk of Father William



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A big point of the scripture for today has to do with how Christians see love. It's one thing to think of love as intimate relationship and another to remember that we have love because God loved us first, especially through Jesus. How has God loved you? In what ways do you feel loved by God? It is a message we can't hear often enough. Love. Love. Love. And so, God's unconditional love for us becomes a fortunate burden to share with one another. Don't let it fool you. It isn't easy. It's tough but necessary. It certainly isn't passé or trivial. Love is the real thing.

No one has a greater love to show us than Jesus. The compassion of Jesus, faithful all the way to the cross, demonstrates that love beyond a shadow of a doubt. If we're really looking for true love forever, this is it. And if we hold fast to it, we are promised a joy so complete, nothing will be lacking ever again. The writer of the First Letter of John: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son as expiation for our sins." All of salvation is dependent, not on our efforts, but on God's. God's love is at the heart of the Christian faith, not ours. Our love may be quite sincere, much of the time, and our works of love may be considerable. But in the end, all the love we finite folk are capable of isn't enough to save our necks or our souls. Fear not: God's got an infinite amount of love to give, and it's being lavished in our direction.

Imagine for a moment that you are hearing the following words for the first time...*"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love. I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another"* We are all part of God's family. Let's share God's love with others, no questions asked, just as Jesus did. We are all called to this level of love. How does that get translated in our daily lives?

Love is the real thing,
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.

SISTERS OF ST. ANN 160 YEARS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

You are cordially invited to join the Sisters of St. Ann as they celebrate 160 years of care, education, and the loving ministry of God's love in the Pacific Northwest on **Saturday, June 2nd**. The festivities will begin at 10:30 am with Mass at the Cathedral. A Reception will follow from 12:30 pm at the Royal BC Museum where a boxed lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. To indicate your attendance and a desire for a boxed lunch please sign up on the sign up sheets provided in the foyer by Sunday May 13th. Thank you.

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 the pot luck.

LAST CHANCE to help MT.ST.MARY HOSPITAL

Forty years of the HANGING BASKET PROGRAM has delivered in excess of **\$50,000 DOLLARS** to the hospital. Please help us to have another banner year by **ORDERING NOW!!! We still have tomatoes, geraniums and baskets all available for pickup after MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND.**

Thanks again for your support. Ellis 250-477-6754

**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

We, too, should shape our cross in suffering for one another as the Savior taught us; in giving our lives for those very ones who would take it from us, as he so lovingly did; in spending ourselves for our neighbor, not only in agreeable things, but also in those which are painful and disagreeable . . . —Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Whoever wrote First John did indeed provide the best commentary on the identity of the God disclosed in the message of forgiveness and judgment, the ministry of healing, the suffering of the Passion, and the vindication of the Resurrection of this Jesus confessed to be the Christ: God, as God, is manifested as Love in the life and fate of this Jesus the Christ. —David Tracy, The Living Pulpit

Let us in all time . . . learn to love as we should, God above all things, and all other things for him. —Saint Thomas More (1477-1535)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LITURGICAL WORKSHOP:** Want to understand the Mass in a deeper way? Are you involved in liturgical ministries? If yes, this Liturgical Workshop is for you. Why Liturgy Matters Workshop, **Saturday, May 12th**, from 9:30-3:00 at St. Edward's Church in Duncan. Free registration on Eventbrite. Bring your own lunch. Contact: Glen Palahicky 250 479 1331 for further questions.
- **DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE:** The DYC this year is May 25-27th. For more information or to register please contact Glen Palahicky at the Diocese: 250 479 1331
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** "Use Your Voice" on Thursday, May 10th at this year's 11th Annual March for Life. There will be a mass at 12 noon to kick off the day at St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Parish. The march begins at 1:45 at Centennial Square and heads towards Legislature. A full schedule of events is on the bulletin board and on the website.
- **ST. PATRICK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 9th-13th** St. Patrick's Church, Victoria, will be hosting a Vacation Bible School: **A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer**. It will take place from **8:30am-12pm** at the Parish Centre. The camp is for kids ages 4-11, \$50/child, \$100/family. For further details and to register contact Anastasia pearse.anastasia@gmail.com

CATHOLICISM: STUDY SESSIONS

Next Monday, **May 7th at 10am**, Fr. Karam will be starting a new study session called "Catholicism". This program is made up for 10 sessions that will cover the powerful words of Jesus Christ, the Apostles, Church Fathers, popes, bishops, priests, saints and martyrs. The sessions will include videos and discussion. Please sign up on a sign up sheet in the foyer.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, May 6th

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
10:30 am Mass: **John & Mary Doyle +**

MONDAY, May 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Galasso Colangeli +**

TUESDAY, May 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Janice Davies +**

WEDNESDAY, May 9th

9:00 am Mass: **Patricia Barrow +**

THURSDAY, May 10th

9:00am Mass: **Michelle Pelletier +**

FRIDAY, May 11th

9:00 am Mass: **Arturo Colangeli +**

SATURDAY, May 12th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, May 13th

8:30 am Mass: **Regina DeJesus +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to everyone from Holy Cross parish who came to and supported the Bishop's Gala this year. We are blessed at Holy Cross to have so many wonderful and supportive parishioners.

Please remember that we are still in cold and flu season. Therefore, please take the time to use the various sanitization stations around the church so we can all safeguard against the many viruses around us this season.



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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 April 29, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 435.00
Loose	\$ 460.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	<u>\$ 1, 107.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4, 002.00

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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455