

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - May 7th, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

The 5th Sunday of Easter invites us to trust and believe in the ways of God. Jesus opened our eyes to a different way of being in the world, a different way of seeing things, and a different way of understanding how God works. We are called to be of service, to be in relationship, to live as one by relying on God and letting the power of Love propel us forth.

The new Christian community in Acts struggled with growing pains. And why wouldn't they? They were all human beings coming together from various cultures and languages because of their belief in the One, the Messiah, Jesus the Christ. When different groups gather together, our biases, beliefs, and differences rise to the forefront; our ideas of right and wrong, justice, societal structure, pride blind us to the depth of service, surrender, and Love that flowed from the cross ensuring the gift of the Spirit for all.

A conflict between the Hellenists (Greek speaking Jews) and the Hebrews (Aramaic speaking Jews) with regards to their widows not receiving their fair portion of food came to a head. The Hellenists, a minority, were mostly from the Diaspora, Jews that were scattered over the Roman Empire and became immersed in the Greek culture. The Hebrews embraced the Jewish culture and were more the local majority. We just have to look at the world today and see how things play out when a displaced minority tries to blend with the majority even though both groups seek the same basic needs such as food, shelter, and safety. Communities face struggles, barriers, fears, and collaboration and common good usually gets pushed aside.

The first reading gives us specific steps for conflict resolution that we can employ within our own families, communities, and countries:

1. The Hellenists **bring their needs forward**. How often do we just keep complaining and blaming without naming and moving forward together?
2. The Hebrews **see** the legitimacy of the situation and **trusted** the apostles to correct it. Are we able to see the other side of the story and stand corrected or do we circle in and protect what's ours?
3. The apostles **responded** by bringing the issue to the whole community, **asking** for solutions, and **sharing** the various services that are essential to deepening the common good. Can we let go of control and be open to ideas other than our own?
4. The seven chosen men **accepted the call** to distribute the food for the community; they were from the Hellenist group. Do we heed God's call, share our God-given gifts, and let others take leadership?

All gifts are essential in building a compassionate, just, and peaceful community. We cannot do it on our own. Christ is our cornerstone. He calms our anxieties and fears and assures us of eternal life; He leads us on the right path and becomes our pathway; He is the truth that sets us free and gifts us with the Spirit of truth; He is the true life as He gives His life for all; He reveals the heart of God and wants us to trust and believe that God dwells within.

"Without the way there is no going; without the truth there is no knowing; without the life there is no living. I am the way which thou must follow; the truth in which thou must believe; the life for which thou must hope." (a' Kempis)

All are welcome, all are invited to participate, and all are asked to share their gifts to be God's message in the world. We are *a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people* called to be *living stones* where we will be rejected, sacrificed, and used for the greater glory of God. Believe, and let LOVE welcome us home!

Easter Joy, Mona

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 or call 1-800-968-3146
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 11am Sunday. 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

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 for Baptismal Preparation are scheduled for:

- Sat, May 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)
- Sat, June 10 (10:00 am – 12 noon).

Please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information and to request a registration form. Also, please indicate which course for which you would like to register. Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org for further information.

Volunteers are needed to join the Outreach Ministry Team. If you are interested please call the office to leave your name. 250-477-5321

40th Anniversary Celebrations continue! Save the date!

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 some wonderful musicians to a concert in the church!

**Moose Hide Campaign Day - Thursday, May 11, 2023**

The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of Canadians who are standing up against violence towards women and children. The Campaign is grounded in Indigenous ceremony and traditional ways of learning and healing. There will be a Walk to End Violence from 12 - 1pm starting at Thunderbird Park and ending at the Knowledge Totem on the Legislature grounds, followed by traditional ceremonies and keynote speaker addresses. All are invited to attend.

Joyful Announcement from Bishop Gary Gordon - "It is with great joy that I announce, after consulting with the Diocesan Consultors, that Mr. Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, will be ordained to the Order of the Deacon on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 10:30 am at Holy Family Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni. All are welcome."

Diocesan Bursaries and Awards - deadline for application is July 15, 2023

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

Find applications for these at the following link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries>

Prayer Reflection

The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth cannot supply is proof that Heaven must be our home.

—C.S. Lewis

Do not be ashamed to serve others for the love of Jesus Christ and to seem poor in this world.

—Thomas à Kempis

How can I be useful, of what service can I be? There is something inside me, what can it be?

—Vincent van Gogh

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023 - Vocations

“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these...” Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** hayre@rcdvictoria.org

Roots of Reconciliation Workshop will be held at Holy Cross Parish from May 29th to June 1st from 9 - 4:30. If you are curious and open minded about what reconciliation can look like on a personal level you are invited to register at www.returningtospirit.org

Welcome and Abundant Blessings!

Avery David Dinh and Nora Leanne Gordon
who will be baptized in our Parish this weekend!

Summer Faith Study:

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

St. Andrew’s Cathedral is pleased to offer another *Summer Faith Study* this year. The course is Bishop Robert Barron’s study on sin and virtue. Over 8 weeks, the course will look at what the Catholic tradition calls the Seven Deadly Sins and contrasting them with what Bishop Barron refers to as the Seven Lively Virtues. The study is designed to increase understanding, promote reflection, and encourage practical action in people’s lives to strengthen our wills against the many temptations to sin. Together we will explore how to combat pride with humility, turn envy into admiration, anger into forgiveness, sloth into zeal, avarice into generosity, gluttony into asceticism, and combat lust with chastity. The facilitator is Bernadette O’Connor email: det.oconnor@gmail.com or phone: 250-896-4136.

Classes will be available both in-person and online each week and run for 8 weeks. In person sessions will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Parish Office (740 View Street), starting June 7th. Online sessions will be on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings, starting June 8th. There is a fee of \$25 to cover participant workbook and access to Bishop Barron’s video recording (a subsidy is available if the fee is not affordable). Please email det.oconnor@gmail.com to register or phone the parish office at 250-388-5571.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, May 6th

4PM Mass: Paul Conrad Kovacs+

SUNDAY, May 7th

9AM Mass: Ron MacIsaac+

MONDAY, May 8th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 9th

9am Mass: Dr. John Calder+

WEDNESDAY, May 10th

School Mass St. Patrick’s Parish
10:45AM (no 12:10 Mass)

THURSDAY, May 11th

9AM Mass: Angela Murphy+
Arturo Colangeli+

FRIDAY, May 5th

NO MASS

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

Adoration in the Mercy Chapel - is held on the First Friday of the month

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 April 31st 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 1,791.00
Loose	\$ 340.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Development and Peace	\$ 20.00
Anawim Men	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,551.00

Thank you

Thank you to Mary-Anne Tinney for all of the detailed work you have done to enable the Outreach Team to function smoothly and effectively.



News from the Chancery

- 1) [Returning to Spirit](#) is offering the *Roots of Reconciliation* workshop from Monday, May 29 - Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria. This workshop is for you if you want to explore your own assumptions, judgements and behaviours, are ready to deepen your experience with reconciliation, and are curious and open minded about what reconciliation can look like on a personal level. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar>, email info@returningtospirit.org, or call 204-889-4579 or 1-855-244-3963.
- 2) May 15 is the early bird registration deadline for the Diocesan Family Camp & Conference. The camp will be held from Aug 17-20 at Nanoose Bay Camp, where you can choose to stay in a dorm, camp in a tent, or bring your camper. All types, ages, and sizes of families are invited to enjoy this weekend full of fellowship, faith and fun! For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197>
- 3) On June 3, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Family and Life will host a free webinar on "Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness" from 10 – 11:30 am. The presenter is Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome. To register to attend the webinar, or to be notified when the recording is available, please [click here](#).
- 4) The Diocese of Victoria is accepting applications for the position of Archives & Marriage Office Administrator. This 0.8-1.0 FTE position is a dual role that supports the goals of the Diocese of Victoria by managing marriage preparation, documentation, and tribunal requirements, as well as coordinating the Diocesan Archives and records. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by May 31, 2023.

Fund Raiser for Mount St Mary's

There are still lots of geraniums, lots of tomatoes and a few hanging baskets left - with all plants and baskets available for pickup between May 15 and May 29. Phone for viewing or pickup, 250-477-6754. As usual, ALL PROCEEDS to the hospital. Thank you, Ellis.



Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale at St. Patrick's Parish Saturday, May 20: 9AM – 1PM

Mark your calendars: Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is coming up May 20! We're moving back inside to the parish hall and will have all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. We'd also love to have your plant donations. Plant donations can be dropped off to the Hall on Friday, May 19, from 3 – 5PM. Please contact Peggy at 250.478.5372 or info@birthrightvictoria.org to offer plants or plant sale help. **We are also taking pre-orders now for pick-up at the Plant Sale or during set-up on Friday, May 19.** Please see our Plant Sale Poster or go online for more details. <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

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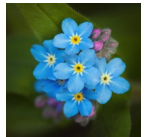
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Mass Times: Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday, 9am.
St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm. Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm.

Sunday Social Bridge is held on the first Sunday of the month from 7 - 10 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 to register.

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.