

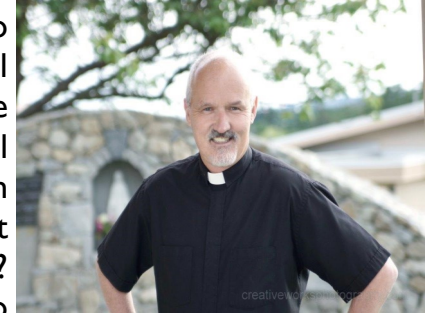
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 November 10, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What happens when we die? This is the question asked since homo sapiens began to walk upright and exhibit a marked level of spiritual sophistication. It is the same question that prompted the story of the mother and the seven brothers in the first reading, who faced brutal deaths while courageously believing that there was something better in the next life. In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to prove a point on one of the "burning questions" of Jesus' time. Is there life after death? Does a man live on even if he has no sons to carry his name? As too



often happens, our questions, our visions, our expectations, are too narrow. What really matters comes in Jesus' final statement. God is a God of the living. Death is the pen-ultimate mystery.

Jesus never defined life after death. He preached more about life now and suggested that the quality of life after we die is directly related to how we lived here on earth. While Jesus does not give us a clear picture of what awaits us -grand vistas, celestial music, constant feasting, etc. ---Jesus does assure us that if we stay in relationship with God, nothing can destroy that bond, not even death. If you live on the right side of history, the end of this world is reason to rejoice! How does our faith and hope in our secure future with God affect our lives now? We can confront the challenges that face us without resurrection glasses. We can't pretend to understand resurrected life. However, we have two foundations for our hope: Jesus' own resurrection and his promise to us that we will share in it.

Hope in the resurrection gives meaning to our present lives and strengthens us in times of trial. With our Resurrection glasses we can view our world with a different perspective. From this perspective we ask ourselves: am I investing my energies in what will last or in mere fleeting joys? How am I spending my time in light of my lasting covenant with God? While Jesus notes how different the next age will be, our full participation in it is certainly affected by our present choices and priorities. We do have a future to look forward to- so what are we doing about it now?

The famous Preface for Christian Death sums up the matter beautifully when it prays: 'For your faithful people, Lord, life is changed, not ended.' But even though it is a new life we hope and expect to live, that life has already begun. It has begun now in our relationship with God. How important it is, then, to live in harmony with God here and now, to live in a loving way, to live in friendship with God! For, as a very wise saying has it: 'As we live, so we die. And as we die, so we stay!'

November blessings
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Appeal team thanks all the parishioners of Holy Cross who have chosen to take part in the Annual Appeal so far. Your generous participation has brought us half way to our parish participation goal and two thirds of the way to our financial target. We still have a ways to go to raise the funds needed to support our Diocesan programs and our parish projects. We encourage all who have not yet committed to consider a small monthly donation. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Parish Office, the Appeal Team or Fr. William. Together we can imagine and do great things both at home and abroad.

FAMILY POTLUCK AND PING PONG

On Friday, November 22nd at 5:30pm we invite *families with children* to attend our family potluck in the Holy Cross parish hall. Dessert will be provided but we ask attendees to bring a salad, side or main dish to share. Challenge Fr. William to a ping pong game, catch up with friends or some make some new ones! There will be a sign up sheet in the back to help us keep track of numbers. If this event seems popular we will keep family nights going throughout the year as often as possible.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Write for Rights on Sun. Dec. 8 (10 – 11:30 am, Parish Hall) The Holy Cross Social and Eco. Justice Committee is once again inviting all parishioners and friends to join the **annual Amnesty International letter-writing campaign on Sun. Dec. 8**. Come over right after 9 am mass for refreshments, and write a letter or two in defense of human rights. Writing materials and postage will be provided at the session, and instructions given to first-time participants. Visit www.writeathon.ca to learn more about this world-wide event. Please sign up (sheet in foyer) so we can anticipate the number of people coming.

LEFT OVER CANDY?

Each year students at St. Patrick's elementary school make Christmas crackers, which are filled with sweets and a message of hope, that get distributed to various outreach groups in the community that serve Christmas dinner to those in need. The St. Pat's crackers are put at every place setting. Every year the students make thousands of Christmas crackers. Left over Halloween candy (preferably candy that doesn't have any Halloween emblems on it) is perfect for fitting into the crackers. If you have left over candy that you are willing to donate to this project please drop it off at the parish office before November 22nd.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS

Remembrance Day Mass for Holy Cross and St. Pat's Parishes will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Monday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to our Military Men and Women, those retired and those in active service to our country, as we honor them and the memory of their comrades who have died. We wish to pay respect and give tribute to our Military by having them process in with Fr. William for the Mass.

AT THE LIBRARY (Tues—Fri 9am-2pm)

Some short, thoughtful reflections leading up to Advent and Christmas are on the following websites

Fr Ron Rolheiser <http://ronrolheiser.com/contact/>

Fr James Martin for the Jesuit "Daily Examen" <https://examen.libsyn.com/>

Fr Richard Rohr *-for a Franciscan point of view*

[Fr Richard Rohr You tube](#) If you watch him for 5 minutes: Guarantee you will stay!

PRAYER REFLECTION

Perseverance is the sister of patience, the daughter of constancy, the friend of peace, the cementer of friendships, the bond of harmony, and the bulwark of holiness. —Bernard of Clairvaux

In order that your prayer may be real, you must deal with the arduousness of work. . . . Your prayer becomes whole when it is of a piece with your labor. —Rule of Taizé

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MEN'S FAITH BREAKFAST:** Saturday November 16th, 8:00 a.m. at the Victoria Horseshoe club (620 Kenneth St, Victoria, BC V8Z 2B9). Come be inspired by some personal sharing from Young Adults & Glen Palahicky on the question of questions: Who is Jesus and what difference does he make? Please RSVP to info@mfaff.org by Nov 12 to ensure a seat. \$13.00
- **CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST:** A Catholic prayer breakfast will be held at the Comfort Inn, 3020 Blanshard near Mayfair Mall, on Saturday November 9th, 9 am to noon. Father Stephen Paine, of St. Edward's in Duncan, will be featured speaker. Come and hear his testimony. Price: \$17. Tickets are available from charismatic prayer group members. Food, fellowship, inspiring speaker, prayer. Call 250-477-4700 (the Dunstons) for a reservation. All are welcome.
- **MNT ST MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE:** You're invited to Mount St. Mary's annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30am – 2:30pm. This **FREE**, fun, and festive event will be held at 861 Fairfield Road in Mount St. Mary Hospital's Village Square. All funds raised will guarantee specialized equipment and programs for Mount St. Mary residents. For more info visit mountstmary.ca or contact Jane Bowers at jbowers@mountstmary.ca or 250-480-3138.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:
 - Full-time Intermediate Teacher at St. Joseph's School, Victoria
 - Full-time Temp Intermediate Teacher at St. Patrick's School
 - On-call Educational Assistants for various schools
 - After School Care Subs for various schools
 - Casual Bus Drivers for various schools



Application forms and details are posted at:

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

NEED HELP WITH PRAESIDIUM?

Parish volunteers who would like help from a 'computer buddy' to complete their Learn To Protect courses please sign the sheet available in the foyer.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, November 10th

9:00am Mass: **Maria De Santos Mendonca +**

MONDAY, November 11th

7:00pm **Remembrance Day Mass**

TUESDAY, November 12th

9:00am Mass: **Br. Ed Wakeham**

WEDNESDAY, November 13th

9:00am Mass: **Fr. Rolf Haseneck (int)**

THURSDAY, November 14th

9:00am Mass: **Meera Banaji +**

FRIDAY, November 15th

9:00am Mass: **Douglas Woodward +**

SATURDAY, November 16th

4:00pm Mass: **Meera Banaji &**

Marion Keilty +

SUNDAY, November 17th

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

Hilary Ribeiro +

Tombola Raffle prize

winners: St. Patrick's Parish Bazaar announces three prize winners from the draw on Oct. 5, 2019; Kevin Redchurch \$300, Nancy Griffin \$200, Eimar Hall \$100. To claim your prize please contact St. Patrick's parish office at 250-592-7391.



PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1pm on Wednesdays.

Duplicate Bridge—Start up October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Joint Wellness— Monday and Thursday 10-11am

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for November 3, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 376.65
Loose	\$ 432.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 960.50

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	1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
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.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

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	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
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	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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
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